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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 4100.P0424US

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5): 10/593 923

CONFIRMATION NO.: 5881

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/EP2005/003128

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: March 23, 2005

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: March 23, 2004

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APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: (1) Jakob MAIER, Jr., (2) Wilfried HATZACK

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**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

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  - B. Transmittal Responding to Notification of Missing Requirements submitted June 21, 2007
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<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

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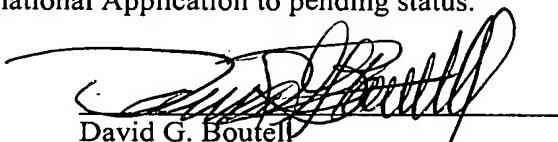
[ ] Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) in an electronic medium or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	79 - 20 =	59	x \$ 50.00	\$2,950.00	
Ind. claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	\$
				<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>	\$2,950.00
[X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$1,475.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				+	\$
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				<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>	\$1,475.00
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- a. [X] A check in the amount of \$1,475.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
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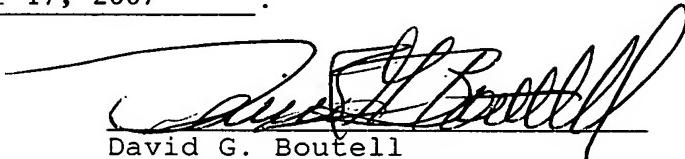
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Sir:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service under 37 CFR 1.8 as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
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RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The purpose of this resubmission is to insure that the proper fees are paid and the appropriate claims are made part of the record and are examined.

According to our deposit account statement we have been credited in the amount of \$1,475.00 in the above-identified patent application. We are resubmitting at this time our Amendment Before First Office Action which was originally submitted on June 21, 2007, together with the Amendment Transmittal calculating the claims fees due in the amount of \$1,475.00 and Postal Card stamped received by the USPTO.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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[ ] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	( ) LG Entity	RATE	(X) SM Entity	Fee
Total Claims	(79 - 20 = 59)		x \$ 50.00		x \$ 25.00	1,475.00
Indep. Claims	(3 - 3 = 0)		x \$200.00		x \$100.00	0.00
[ ] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$360.00		+ \$180.00	0.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$1,475.00

- [ ] Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is: \$.
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- [X] Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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